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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TIAN ET AL.

Examiner

Craig A. Renner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 February 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 01 February 2007. These drawings are accepted.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The following is suggested:

--SLIDER WITH LARGE LENGTH-TO-WIDTH RATIO FOR
HIGH DENSITY MAGNETIC RECORDING--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518).

Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) teaches a slider comprising a body (any one of 50A thru 50Q, for instance) with a width of 1.0mm or smaller (lines 43-45 in column 5, for instance, i.e., "0.25-0.75 mm", for instance) and a length greater than 0.85mm (lines 43-45 in column 5, for instance, i.e., "1.25 mm", for instance), wherein the length to the width ratio is greater than 1.5 (lines 43-45 in column 5, for instance, i.e., length 1.25 mm divided by width 0.25 mm gives a length-to-width ratio of 5.0); and an air-bearing surface (includes 60, for instance) to allow the slider to glide above a moving data storage medium (20) [as per claim 1]; wherein the length of the body is 3.0 mm or smaller (lines 43-45 in column 5, for instance, i.e., "1.25 mm", for instance) [as per claim 4]; wherein the slider further comprises a U-shaped rail (78/82/80, as shown in FIG. 11, for instance) extending from the air-bearing surface proximately located to a leading edge of the air-bearing surface (as shown in FIG. 11, for instance) [as per claim 5]; wherein the U-shaped rail has two surfaces (86 and 92) at differing heights (as shown in FIGS. 15A and 15B, for instance), each surface parallel to the air-bearing surface (as shown in FIGS. 15A and 15B, for instance) [as per claim 6]; wherein the slider further comprises a main compression pad (78/82/80, as shown in FIG. 11, for instance) extending from the air-bearing surface proximately located to a trailing edge of the air-bearing surface (as shown in FIG. 11, for instance) [as per claim 7]; and wherein the slider is a component of a disk drive (as shown in FIG. 2, for instance) comprising a data storage disk (20); and a head gimbal assembly (includes 34, for instance) to suspend the slider above the data storage disk (as shown in FIG. 2, for instance) [as per claims 9 and 12-15].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2-3 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518).

Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) teaches the disk drive slider as detailed in paragraph 4, supra. Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518), however, remains silent as to the slider body thickness being "0.23 mm or smaller," the slider body length being "1.235 mm" and the slider body width being "0.7mm."

Official notice is taken of the fact that it is notoriously old and well known in the disk drive slider art to modify the parameters of a disk drive slider during the course of routine optimization/experimentation. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have had the slider body thickness of Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) be 0.23 mm or smaller, the slider body length of Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) be 1.235 mm and the slider body width of Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) be 0.7mm. The rationale is as follows:

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to have had the slider body thickness of Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) be 0.23 mm or smaller, the slider body length of Koishi et al. (US 6,157,518) be 1.235 mm and the slider body width of Koishi

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et al. (US 6,157,518) be 0.7mm since such ranges, absent any criticality (i.e., unobvious and/or unexpected result(s)), are generally achievable through routine optimization/experimentation, and since discovering the optimum or workable ranges, where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, involves only routine skill in the art, *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233 (CCPA 1955). Moreover, in the absence of any criticality (i.e., unobvious and/or unexpected result(s)), the parameters set forth above would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 1578, 16 USPQ2d 1934, 1936 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 8 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (571) 272-7580. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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